

ORDINANCE NO. 442-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 367-2003, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING KEEPING LIVESTOCK WITHOUT A PERMIT

WHEREAS, the City of Stanfield seeks to provide the best quality of life for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the public has expressed an increased desire to keep chickens in residential zones for an additional food source; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stanfield has determined that the current ordinance for livestock was too restrictive for the keeping of chickens in residential areas;

THE CITY OF STANFIELD ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 6.12.50 of the Stanfield Municipal Code (Ordinance 367-2003, Section 5), is amended to read as follows:

- (a) The following maximum number of units:
- (1) ***Horses, Mules and Donkeys.*** One-half acre of enclosed pasture shall be provided for each mare and foal or adult horse, for each adult mule, for each jenny and foal or adult donkey. For purposes of this restriction, a foal shall be considered an adult upon weaning or attaining the age of six months, whichever first occurs.
 - (2) ***Cattle and Buffalo.*** One-half acre of enclosed pasture per cow and calf or adult cow shall be provided. For purposes of this restriction, a calf shall be considered an adult upon weaning.
 - (3) ***Sheep and Goats.*** No sheep or goat may be kept within an enclosed pasture less than one-quarter acre in size and there shall be provided a minimum of five thousand (5,000) square feet per ewe and lamb or adult sheep and a minimum of five thousand (5,000) square feet per nanny and kid or adult goat. For the purposes of this restriction, after weaning, a lamb or kid shall be considered an adult animal.
 - (4) ***Poultry and Fowl*** Roosters are strictly prohibited and No family shall keep in excess of ten chickens, two turkeys, two geese, and three ducks within a lot or parcel within the City of Stanfield, and further, the aggregate number of chickens, turkeys, geese and ducks shall not exceed ten. Said poultry and fowl shall be kept within an enclosure and sited so as not to cause avoidable irritation due to noise or odor to owners of adjacent dwellings and animal wastes in connection therewith shall be regularly removed so as to avoid the creation of obnoxious odors. Shelter in the form of a chicken house or hutch shall be provided. No turkeys, geese, ducks or chickens shall be allowed to roam freely outside of said

enclosure. Shelters shall be separated from all dwelling units and yards surrounding the same and shall abide by setback requirements for accessory structures in the Stanfield Development Code.

- (5) **Rabbits.** Four rabbits are allowed per family in the City of Stanfield and said rabbits shall be kept within an enclosure under the same standards as specified in Subsection 4 of this section for ducks, geese, turkeys and chickens.
- (6) **Bees.** The keeping of bees is permitted during the winter season when they are dormant, but is prohibited during the period of the year when bees are active.
- (7) **Miniature animals.** The keeping of miniature animals of those types allowed in section A. 1-6 and their numbers shall be permitted on a case by case basis by the City Manager.
 - (b) In determining the number of units to be allowed, factors such as the nature and quality of forage, unique features of the animals, the nature of the locale, aesthetics and other factors may be considered in addition to space. The space provided for containing animals shall be based only on pasture or fenced area and not include that portion reserved for houses or yard.
 - (c) The city council shall deny a permit application if the livestock cannot be kept as humanely, and with no greater impact, due to order, noise or unsightly conditions, as domestic livestock kept in the numbers and pursuant to the restrictions of this section. No permit shall be issued if keeping the animals within the city would endanger the public health and safety. Conditions of animals in dispute will be determined by an independent veterinarian at the property owners' cost.
 - (d) Bees may not be kept closer than 100 feet to a property line and shall not be allowed in any densely populated areas.
 - (e) All outbuildings and other structures for the use or care of animals, unless otherwise specified in this section, shall be situated at least 50 feet from property lines.
 - (f) Livestock shall not be permitted to be kept in Downtown Commercial Zone in the City of Stanfield.

ADOPTED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor on this 4th day of August, 2020.

Approved: 
Tom McCann, Mayor

Attest: 
Benjamin Burgener, City Manager/Recorder